



FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY

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August 31, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: FCRTA Board of Directors;
COFCG / FCRTA Policy Advisory Committee;
COFCG Transportation Technical Committee; and
The General Public.

FROM:  Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager

SUBJECT: Approve Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 - New Freedom Capital Assistance Grant to Purchase Two (2) ADA Accessible Vanpool Vehicles, Resolution 2011-14

ACTION ITEM

The Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) has sought a Call for Projects to closeout the previous 2007-08 apportionment of Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Section 5317 New Freedoms funds. The FCRTA Board of Directors has an opportunity to program the remaining \$79,810 of New Freedom Funds, along with \$36,190 of it's Local Match Funds to purchase two (2) accessible Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) wheelchair accessible vehicles for total of \$116,000, to further ensure that disabled commuters have equal access to joining commuter vanpools operating in Fresno County.

The FCRTA Staff has prepared, and submitted, an Applications to the Fresno COG which has been received favorable support for programming in their Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to respond to San Francisco Regional FTA staff support for the formal submittal of a TEAM Application to the FTA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

The Fresno COG's staff and the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council have reviewed all the submitted applications and has recommended that the FCRTA be funded for two (2) ADA accessible vanpool vehicles following a final expressed opportunity for the general public to further comment on the project at a legally noticed Public Hearing before the FCRTA Board of Director's during their September 29, 2011 regular monthly Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

The FCRTA General Manager recommends that the submitted FTA Section 5317 - New Freedoms Grant to purchase two (2) ADA accessible vanpool vehicles be approved, following an expressed opportunity for public comment during the Public Hearing, prior to adoption of Resolution 2011-14 (Attached).

BEFORE THE
FRESNO COUNTY RURAL TRANSIT AGENCY
RESOLUTION NO. 2011-14

In the Matter of:)
Federal Transportation Act)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
SUBMITTAL OF FEDERAL TRANSIT
ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5317
NEW FREEDOMS GRANT
APPLICATIONS TO FRESNO COG

WHEREAS, the Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG) has sought a Call for Projects to closeout the previous 2007-08 apportionment of Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) Section 5317 New Freedoms funds; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) Board of Directors had an opportunity to program the remaining \$79,810 of New Freedom Funds, along with \$36,190 of it's Local Match Funds to purchase two (2) accessible Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) wheelchair accessible vehicles for total of \$116,000, to further ensure that disabled commuters have equal access to joining commuter vanpools operating in Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the FCRTA has prepared, and submitted, an Applications to the Fresno COG which has been received favorable support for programming in their Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) to respond to San Francisco Regional FTA staff support for the formal submittal of a TEAM Application to the FTA Headquarters in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno COG's staff and the Social Service Transportation Advisory Council have reviewed all the submitted applications and has recommended that the FCRTA be funded for two (2) ADA accessible vanpool vehicles following a final expressed opportunity for the general public to further comment on the project at a legally noticed Public Hearing before the FCRTA Board of Director's during their September 29, 2011 regular monthly Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors held the Public Hearing to invite comments from the General Public.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency does hereby formerly authorize and support its intent to purchase two (2) ADA accessible vanpool vehicles to further address transit needs beyond regular accessible general public transit services in Fresno County.

(RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13, Continued)

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency this 29th day of September, 2011.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Signed: _____
Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true copy of a resolution of
the Fresno County Rural Transit
Agency duly adopted at a meeting
thereof held on the 29th day of
September, 2011.

Signed: _____
Jeffrey D. Webster, General Manager



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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA) has prepared an Application for \$79,810 in Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 – New Freedom Capital Assistance funds (and \$36,190 in local match funds) to purchase two (2) wheelchair accessible commuter vanpool vehicles for \$116,000. A Public Hearing is scheduled before the FCRTA Board of Directors on Thursday, September 29, 2009 at 5:30pm in the Sequoia Conference Room of the Fresno Council of Governments and the FCRTA offices located at 2035 Tulare Street, Suite 201; Fresno, CA 93721. Following a staff presentation there will be an expressed opportunity for public comment, both orally or in writing, before the Board may take action to approve the Application, for further processing.

Sincerely
Jeffrey D. Webster
FCRTA General Manager
(August 31, 2011)